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# MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

I expect that most of you who read this issue of the Organized Farmer will be taking part in the membership drive. No doubt sooner or later you will be asked: What does the Farmers' Union do? You will be able to tell about your local activities; about the legislation — both provincial and Dominion — that has been passed because of the urging of your Union; and about the self-help projects that the Union sponsors. This year, particularly, you will have a good story to tell.

I wonder if we always appreciate the work that the Union does in fighting vested interests and others who are bent on getting more than their fair share. We don't always win these fights, by any means, but, even when we appear to lose, who can say how much worse off we would be if we hadn't fought at all?

For example, we have fought applications from the railroads for freight-rate increases at every hearing. We have not been successful at having their applications disallowed but the railways have not always got all they wanted. If farm people did not appear at these hearings and vigorously object to increased rates, what might our freight-rates be today? As this is being written we are in the midst of another freight-rate hearing. The railways say that win or lose they will be back for more. We have served notice that win or lose we will be back to oppose them.

Very soon the Tariff Board will hold hearings to consider the textile industry's request for a substantial increase in tariffs. If they win, it will reduce our market in Great Britain and Japan, both of which are vital to the agricultural industry. This is one fight we just can't afford to lose, and I don't think we will.

I have talked to farmers about these matters and some have said: "It's all a waste of time because these pople have high-priced lawyers, a research staff and other sorts of help. What can a farmer do against them?" I'll admit it isn't easy and sometimes you're a bit overwhelmed by the opposition you face. But we do have tremendous advantage on our side. For example,

when I appear before a commission, I can say (and I am mighty proud to say) that I represent 40,000 farm people in Alberta. These people are doing the most important job in Canada, growing food for Canadian people. Because they are efficient producers of food, we can afford to have industries and railways and a high standard of living. Without them, these industries and people would not even be able to exist. I can also say we are not here to ask for any special favors. All we are asking for is justice and fair play. These are potent arguments.

I would hope that whoever you send to fight for you next year will be able to say he represents 60,000 Alberta farm people. I would hope that he will have a few more dollars so that he can have some help to get more facts and figures and, hence, do a better job for you.

Won't you make a little extra effort to help bring this about? Every new member strengthens our hands so that we can do more and more. We farmers are a mighty force. Let's use our collective strength to see that justice prevails.

President—A. W. Platt.

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# Testimonials by -



The Honorable
E. C. MANNING,
Premier of Alberta

I was pleased to accept the invitation extended to me to say a few words in respect to the membership drive to be held by the Farmers' Union of Alberta from November 11th to 16th.

There is no question of the many values of a strong farm membership and I believe it is in the interests of each individual farmer to support a farm organization. It is of benefit to the farmer and to agriculture in general if an organization can speak with a strong voice representative of the views of the majority of the farm population. In addition to representing and speaking on behalf of the farmer in his local, provincial and national affairs and interests, an active farm organization offers many other benefits of cultural and social significance.

I would commend to the attention of the farmers of this Province the special membership drive being held by the Farmers' Union of Alberta.

E. C. Manning, Premier.

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Hon. D. S. Harkness,
Minister of
Agriculture

Canadian agriculture is based on the "family farm" idea — more than half a million individual farmers operating their own projects largely by means of their own labour and such help as is available within their own families.

This type of individual effort has given Canada a farm people proud of their independence — in thinking, in action, in living. Experience has shown, however, that there are many things that can be done more effectively by group action than by farmers working individually.

Even in the field of production, custom work, the co-operative use of costly equipment with limited use on the individual farm (e.g. large capacity sprayers), and the grouping together for the carlot purchases of feeds and fertilizers are commonly practiced; while Canada's great wheat pools and her co-operatives in the dairy, fruit, and livestock marketing fields give vastly more farmer control over the merchandising

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of farm products than would be possible without organization.

Nor is the work-a-day world the only sphere in which Canadian farm people have proved the value of community effort. Our hundreds of consolidated rural schools and our farm forums and other social and recreational groups are but examples of spheres in which our rural folk have benefitted by working (and playing) together.

But there is still another field where organization holds much for Canadian farmers and their families, thinly scattered as they are from coast to coast. I refer to their organization to discuss matters affecting the welfare of their industry so that they can speak with one voice on questions of policy.

This aspect of farmer organization is probably appreciated thoroughly nowadays by most Canadian farmers. It may not be so widely realized that governments, provincial or federal, which are charged with enacting and administering legislation affecting the farmer find themselves in a better position to assess farmer reaction if farmers are so organized, that their spokesmen can meet with government representatives.

Twenty-five centuries ago Aesop wrote, in his fable of the Four Oxen and the Lion, "United we stand, divided we fall." This "moral" has the same validity it had in 550 B.C.

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DONALD CAMERON
Senator

As a student of the Canadian farm economy, both from the view point of a dirt farmer and as an interested and sympathetic observer, it has been my privilege to have a close association with farm people and farm organizations since 1921 when I was elected President of the Junior branch of the U.F.A. During the time I was actively associated with the farm movement,and since, I was proud of the association and of the contribution the organized farmers were making to the building of a country. Western Canada, and Alberta in particular, owes a great deal to the careful thinking and hard discussions which went on in many a farm home and country school house.

Over the years the agricultural economy has been changing rapidly and steadily. The number of farm operators has been decreasing and will continue to do so. Farms have become larger as a result of mechanization and electrification, with a consequent change in the whole social and economic structure of the rural community. These changes are facts, they are here and yet many people continue to look upon the problems of the rural community as they used to be before the revolution of mechanization changed the face of the rural community. In addition to the mechanical and social changes of the last thirty years there is another change which is of great concern — not just to the people who live on the farms but to every Canadian citizen; this is the widening disparity between farm costs and farm returns. We are now entering the fourth year since the imbalance between farm costs and returns started. The trend, if unchecked, and that soon, can have disastrous consequences for the whole Canadian economy. Added to this serious condition is the unsatisfactory market outlook for wheat. The point of emphasizing what must be obvious to every intelligent farmer is that if ever there was need for serious and informed discussion and action on the part of the farm people, it is now. It is for this reason I wish the F.U.A. organization every success in its coming membership drive. I hope that the needs of the times will re-vitalize the programmes and discussions in hundreds of locals so that informed farm opinion will make its proper impact on those who are charged with formulating Canadian economic policy.

Donald Cameron, Senator

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WM. HAWRELAK,
Mayor of Edmonton

I understand that the Farmers' Union of Alberta will be launching a membership drive from Nov. 11th to 16th of this year.

As one who was born and raised on the farm, and who is still a farmer, even though not perhaps as active as at some period of my life in the past, I am privileged to have this opportunity of addressing these few remarks to all those that are engaged in our basic industry of the province.

Farming, like any other walk of life, has recently become very complicated in both phases of its operation. The production phase is one for which science, research and experience are continuously contributing towards improvements, but there will always be fresh problems that will be encountered from time to time. The selling of products phase of the industry, is one that has in the last several years become of much concern to all. It is a problem which

involves our entire structure of commerce in practically the entire world. The farmers' best hope for proper solution being found for these problems is through a strong unified organization of farmers themselves. They must be able to speak with one voice and a determined purpose in order to attain for themselves and for their industry a fair share of the good things of life.

As a former Vice-President of your Organization, and now as the Mayor of the City of Edmonton, I am convinced that each and every farmer should belong to a farm organization, and I therefore congratulate the Board of Directors of the Farmers' Union of Alberta for setting aside the period of November 11th to 16th for a vigorous membership drive, and at the same time I appeal to all the farmers of Alberta to assist in this campaign as much as possible and bring about a well organized farm industry. We all know that a prosperous farmer in our Province will help other Albertâns to become prosperous too.

With best wishes for a successful campaign, and a better 1958.

Wm. Hawrelak, Mayor

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J. E. BROWNLEE,
President U.G.G.

On behalf of the Directors of United Grain Growers Limited, as well as in a personal way, I congratulate the Farmers' Union of Alberta on the work it has done for Alberta farmers, and express the wish that the Membership Drive during the week of November 11th will meet with every success. I urge Alberta farmers who are not now members to join the Union.

I have now been associated with the Farm Movement of Western Canada for some forty years. I have seen it grow in influence and prestige. I know how greatly the Movement has helped the Western farmer. I know that Governments do listen to the Union and its associated organizations.

National and International circumstances now combine the greatest challenge to Western Agriculture of a half century. The Union will be effective in its efforts to meet that challenge in proportion to its membership. The best investment a farmer can make today is a membership in the Farmers' Union of Alberta.

J. E. Brownlee

## Vote for the Egg Marketing Board



BEN S. PLUMER
Chairman of the
Alberta Wheat Pool

All farmers should be members of the Farmers' Union of Alberta. Farm organizations must carry the load of helping farmers to help themselves. Farmers need these organizations to represent their people in the Legislative Halls of the Provinces and the Nation. They must support and operate strong and active farm organizations, selecting capable and interested men and women as leaders, and must provide them with the finances necessary to carry on the work required to look after farm affairs. Periods of surplus emphasize farmers' need of representation at places where National policy is formulated and administered, and farm officials can tell the farmers' story best for their people.

Ben S. Plumer.

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GEO. E. CHURCH,
President, U.F.A.
Co-operative Ltd.

I am happy to associate myself with the leadership of the Farmers' Union in launching their membership drive this fall. Farm organization is always important. In this period I believe it is more essential than ever that farmers support their organizations. In the case of the Union such support must start with membership. It should be followed up, of course, by attendance and participation in regular meetings. At times we may be discouraged and think that the Farm Union Local, and our membership in it, are not important. I want to assure you that they are. If we stop to think we will realize that the local is a vital cog in the machinery of farm organization. It is through the local that the grass root viewpoint is developed and presented, not only to the leadership of the Union but also to the Federations of Agriculture. The policies of the Farmers' Union and the Federations of Agriculture are the direct result of the discussions and viewpoints expressed by your locals. These policies which are presented to both Provincial and Federal Governments, can only be effective if they are supported and backed by an effective farm organization. It is my conviction that the aggressive and intelligent leadership of the Union merits support by way of membership of every Alberta farmer.

I am sure I share with many responsible citi-

zens, who are not farmers, a misgiving that our economy cannot be maintained on a healthy basis if steps are not taken which will ensure that our agricultural economy is on a level with our present prosperous national economy. The present situation demands bold new policies. Policies that will attack the problems created by surplus of farm products. The Farm Union leadership working with the Federations of Agriculture can play an important role in the formation of these policies. Their effectiveness, however, will be in direct ratio to the support they get from farmers by way of membership. It is only through membership in and support of our farm organizations in general, and the Farmers' Union in particular, that farm viewpoint can be effectively advanced.

If there is not an active local in your community, participate in its organization. If there is, seek out your local secretary, assist him in organizing the membership drive and above all, join the Farmers' Union.

Geo. E. Church.

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J. R. LOVE, Pres., Alberta Co-operative Wholesale Ass'n.

On behalf of the A.C.W.A., I am pleased to extend best wishes to the F.U.A. for a successful membership drive in November.

Some people praise the farmer as being, perhaps, the only independent, rugged individualist left in a highly organized society. They hope he will stay that way. It means cheaper food for our rapidly growing urban population. Can the farmer afford to produce cheap food when his farm investment and farm operating costs are increasing year by year? In the past five years, from 1951 to 1956, the prices paid to the farmer for his farm products have declined 22.1% while the prices of all farm supplies, interest rates, taxes, etc., have increased 7.6%.

The independent farmer working alone is helpless to stop this trend. The only remedy is to work with his neighbour and pull together by joining the Farmers' Union of Alberta. The labourer has his labour union. The bankers, the doctors and the lawyers have their professional associations. The businessmen and the manufacturers have their commercial and trade organizations. Everyone, including the undertakers, is organized for mutual benefit and protection, except the farmer. No wonder his economic position, in a highly organized world, is deteriorating.

The only way to stop this trend is to build a strong united farm organization, not only in Alberta, but clear across Canada, for the benefit and protection of Canada's farming population.

NOW is the time to join the F.U.A.

J. R. Love,
President,
Alberta Co-operative
Wholesale Association.

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G. L. HARROLD, Pres. Alberta Federation of Agriculture

The Farmers' Union of Alberta has a very important role to play in the economic and social life of this province. Not only do its functions affect the welfare of its farmer members but also that of their urban neighbors, for although oil may in the future surpass agriculture in dollar value, the latter will always remain Alberta's basic industry.

Changing times are bringing about greater mechanization, larger farms and fewer farmers. We are becoming more and more a minority group. As our numerical strength dwindles in comparison to that of other sections of the populace, it becomes more necessary than ever for us to stand solidly together and use the power of strong organization to advance sound agricultural policies and to make our influence felt in the councils of the nation.

We have organized many co-operatives that serve us in both the consumer and the marketing fields. To be successful and produce the best results for farm people they must have the active participation and patronage of all our people. We need a strong Farmers' Union to promote co-operative education and encourage our people to give every possible support to these business enterprises that can add so greatly to our prosperity.

The Farmers' Union is a powerful factor in the Alberta Federation of Agriculture. A large membership and strong locals help to strengthen both the Union's direct representations and those presented through the Federation.

For the good of the whole organized farm movement and so for the good of all the people on the land, I would urge everyone to sign up with the Farmers' Union of Alberta in its forthcoming drive for members.

The rugged individualist who does every-

# Alberta Livestock Co-operative Limited

DEAR FRIENDS:

About a year and-a-half ago there was quite a lot of talk about hog marketing boards. However hog prices gradually worked higher and higher and higher and whoever had hogs to sell did pretty well on them. Interest in marketing just faded away.

It's quite obvious that we're going to have more hogs this fall and winter than we did a year ago and if the usual signs and omens are any indication the fall and winter of 1958 will see still further expansion in production.

When we get into a period of high prices it's only natural that more people will either raise more product than they did before and others who have produced nothing will try to get on the bandwagon. The net result is only natural, in the case of pigs it's more pigs, in the case of poultry it's more eggs and more broilers and so far into the night.

Already there's been quite a drop in prices from the high points this summer, some of the drop was because of more liberal weekly slaughter and some in anticipation of a further increase in suplies. When such a situation develops it's quite possible that the drop is a little premature but processors want to stay in a current position, they don't want to store any product that might be on their hands when the hog run is on in earnest and they try to make the current price somewhere in line with prospective future prices. They might seem to get a little ruthless in the process but in most cases it's the 'survival of the fittest' and let the chips fall where they will.

Now just a few figures. On August the 26th the Ontario Hog Board reported the Toronto hog market at $38.00 per 100 pounds for grade A's. The Canadian hog kill for the week of August 24th was 82,000 head. The Canadian hog kill for the week of September 28th amounted to 104,000 head and Toronto through that period of time had dropped to $29.00 on the 26th. That's an increase in slaughter of 21.15%, a decrease in price of 23.68%.

What it generally amounts to is that the the few 'free' hogs, and that is hogs that are in a competitive position are scrambled for pretty eagerly when supplies are short and that tends to advance the market to too high a point for comfort but those same 'free' hogs are too vulnerable when supplies increase and that tends to push the market down too much.

Now you might ask, "What's that got to do with your opening paragraph?" Just this and very little else. Put more hogs into a trading position all the time, use your organized marketing possibilities, sell your hogs where you can put them into a position of enough volume to attract all buyers and not just the small operator. They're your pigs, you can do what you like with them and you most probably will do just that. But keep in mind that there's no point in looking at the marketing position when prices go down the drain if you're going to forget about the importance of marketing when prices advance.

Sincerely yours,

ALBERTA LIVESTOCK CO-OPERATIVE LIMITED.

Geo. Winkelaar, general manager.

thing on his own may sound like a strong, romantic fellow, but in this day and age he has about is much influence as a magpie. Modern civilization is directed by well organized groups. If farm people expect to have any say or receive any consideration, they must get behind their farm organizations and build them to maximum strength.

G. L. Harrold, President,
Alberta Federation
of Agriculture.

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C. P. HANSEN, President, Saskatchewan Farmers' Union

Every farmer in Canada needs every other farmer to stand by him during times of economic strife and readjustment. These are the days when you need a neighbour and he needs you.

Much has been said recently about the destiny of the family farm. I am convinced that the social and economic well-being of the agricultural industry, past, present, and future, can best be served by maintaining the family farm.. I am also convinced that the destiny of the family farm is directly dependent on how effectively farmers enhance their bargaining power through organization.

Whatever the problem might be, united support of farmers to their union is essential to obtaining a solution.

For your advantage, for our advantage, for the advantage of all farmers in Canada, I urge you to become an active supporter of your farm union so that we might work together toward solving the many problems agriculture presently faces.

George Bickerton, a former leader of farm organization in Canada, once said, "The quantity and quality of protection, social and economic improvement, sought by farmers, can be measured by the amount of cash, plus the amount of physical and mental energy that farmers themselves are willing to contribute to the work of their own protective and educational union." This was never more true than today.

Good luck in your membership campaign. Your success is our success.

C. P. Hansen.



Mrs. Evelyn Prosser, Women's President, Ontario Farmers' Union

The past three years, (as an organizer of the Ontario Farmers' Union) has shown me that the greatest need of farmers to-day is the need to organize themselves into a strong farm union movement. Every farmer should come out and join the Farmers' Union, a direct dues-paying membership organization, and do his part morally and financially to have his own occupational union.

The results of farmers being unorganized are evident in the continuous drop in farm income this past five years and the continuing move-ment of people away from the farms.

To-day's farmers have the best opportunity in thirty years to better their position, through the farm unions, due to the change in the federal government and the strength of the opposition. It is up to the farmers to increase the membership in the farm unions so that our voice can be effective when we go to the government with our requests.

The farmer who hasn't joined the Farmers' Union is missing the opportunity of helping himself, and the rest of the farm economy, in an effort to achieve a square deal for agriculture. He is accepting all the benefits made possible through farm unions but is evading all the responsibility of financing and supporting the farm union programme.

The future of the farm unions is of the utmost importance and it will depend on every farmer to support and strengthen the organization, which can speak for them, so it can do the job it is intended to do.

Wishing you every success in the membership drive for the Farmers' Union of Alberta.

Evelyn Prosser.

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MRS. KAYE DYCK, Women's President, Manitoba Farmers' Union.

On June 10th the agricultural industry demonstrated their belief that a more definite agricultural policy was needed. This was an awakening gesture for the lethargic attitude towards the farmers' plight.

Political parties sit up and take notice of organizational strength, that is the measuring stick by which they can gauge just how badly legislation is needed, so if anything is going to be done for this depression in agriculture when every other industry is booming, this is the

year to do it or it will be too late to rectify.

With the wholesale removal from the family farms all across Canada, it is up to the farmers themselves to show they believe in the union policies by contacting every farmer in their community and enlisting their support to help themselves.

We have the understanding and support of many other organized groups. They are trying to help us, but we have to help ourselves and the only way to do this is to get our canvassing completed as soon as possible.

Let's make a Date, don't hesitate in "'58", join the Farmers' Union, and we'll share a better Fate.

Good canvassing and a Good Harvest.

Kaye Dyck.

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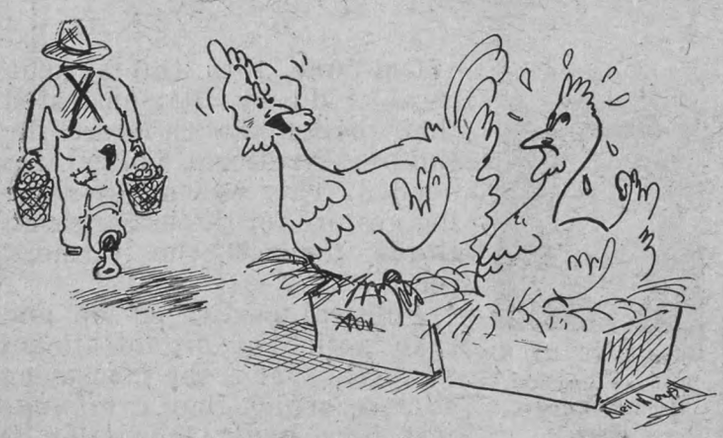


L. MARGARET LUND
Pres. Saskatchewan Farm Women's Union

Prairie people are emerging from an age when rugged individualism was the order of the day. Now we need the same resourcefulness and ingenuity to learn the new skills of working together to find solutions to our problems, and of working together to make our contribution as rural people to the society in which we live.

The Farmers' Union provides the vehicle by which we can achieve these objectives and help put human values first by supporting your F.U.A., the guardian of the family farm.

L. Margaret Lund.



I wish he had to lay one!
He wouldn't let just anybody market those eggs—
He'd form a Marketing Board!



JAS. PATTERSON, Chairman,
Interprovincial Farm Union Council.

During the past year most segments of society have gained a keener appreciation of the value of farm organization and of the contribution that the farm unions are making toward a sound agricultural policy.

These policy recommendations are today generally recognized. It remains for the farmers to demonstrate through active participation in their own organization, that they have faith in their own ability to grapple with and solve the problems of the day. This CAN BE DONE by co-operation with your fellow farmers. An active membership and adequate finance, is the farmers greatest asset in a highly organized society.

It is with pleasure that I extend to the Farmers' Union of Alberta, my sincere good wishes for a successful Farm Union Week.

Jas. Patterson, Chairman,
Interprovincial Farm Union Council.

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## Message from Montana

For several years we have enjoyed an exchange of delegates with the Farmers' Union of Alberta at our conventions and other functions. The stimulating addresses of Presidents Henry Young and A. W. Platt have added a new dimension to our annual meetings. We found the six young men and women from Alberta farms, who attended our state school for officers in 1952, very congenial and very helpful in their contributions to our thinking.

Our delegates have enjoyed being your guests in Edmonton at your annual meetings.



LEONARD KENFIELD, President,
Montana Farmers' Union

They report receiving new insight into some of the disturbing problems of our times and have gained a wholesome respect for you who are attempting to solve those problems in democratic ways.

We have learned, through this exchange, that farm problems in Montana and Alberta are much the same. Prices, production and distribution, land tenure, transportation, health, education and war and peace are among the leading issues about which our people, mutually, are deeply concerned.

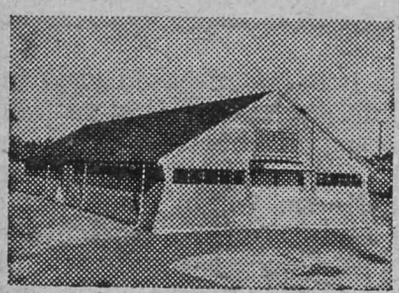
There is real significance in our people, yours in Canada and ours in the U.S.A., crossing that imaginary line known as our common boundary and uniting in fellowship. Let us hope this is a worthwhile effort, looking way down the road for universal goodwill and understanding.

It is vitally important that the farmers of Alberta join an organization like the Farmers Union. The farmer cannot go it alone anymore. All other major econmic groups are organized. suffering from income and rising operating costs — much more so than other groups. I am sure that is as true in Canada as it is in the United States.

The individual farmer, by himself, cannot hope to deal with the highly organized corporate groups who take his commodities finally and who sell him his supplies. He must join with his neighbor and present a united front.

Leonard Kenfield, President,
Montana Farmers Union

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# EDITORIALS

## MARKETING BOARDS

The Farmers' Union of Alberta has for many years approved the principle of producer-controlled marketing boards. In this stand we have not been alone. This same principle has been approved by the Canadian Federation of Agriculture, the Interprovincial Farm Union Councils and all the many constituent bodies making up these organizations. There have been few issues on which Canadian farmers, from one end of Canada to the other, have agreed so wholeheartedly as the principle of producer- controlled marketing boards.

The principle of marketing boards has had the approval of all political parties. Every province in Canada has enabling legislation. Most provincial governments give active help and encouragement to those interested in marketing boards. The federal government has also given farmers the legislation they required to operate freely. Amendments regarding such legislation were passed without any opposition at the last session of Paliament.

Marketing boards have been tried in many provinces and on many food products. With rare exception they are still in business and have secured increasing producer support.

Experience with marketing boards (not theory) has shown that marketing boards do not injure co-operative marketing organizations; do not injure legitimate private enterprise processors and distributors of food products; do not injure retailers; and do not injure, but help, consumers. Similar experience has shown that marketing boards do make it tough for the chiseler, the speculator and the operator who tries to get by by using shady practices. Marketing boards destroy the dream of those people who hope to gain complete control of the production, processing and retailing of the food of the nation.

If you are a producer of eggs, a legitimate middle man giving value for services rendered, or a consumer, you have nothing to fear from the proposed egg marketing plan and it deserves your wholehearted support.

If you are a chiseler, robbing both the producer and the consumer, or if you are a speculator rather than a handler, or if you want to see family farms disappear and integrated factory-farms take their place, then you should oppose this plan with all your might. You should oppose this plan, because, if it is passed, you are going to be put out of business.

## Vote for the Egg Marketing Board

# President's Report

This report is being dictated in Ottawa. We are in the midst of the freight-rate hearings, resulting from an application by the railways for another 10% hike. I am appearing for the Interprovincial Farm Union Council and Ernie Hope for the Federation of Agriculture. Keep your fingers crossed; we might win this one.

I'm not alone in Ottawa. The hotels are jam-packed with people from all parts of the coutry. I think every manufacturer in Canada is here, looking for increased tariffs. The textile people seem to be making some headway. They are setting their case before the tariff board, so we have another big fight coming up. The base metal, lumber, pulp and paper and the oil people are complaining of lost export markets. The farmers have a few grievances, too, which are being vigorously brought to the government's attention. All in all, the cabinet ministers are a bit harried these days.

Despite the rigours of public life, there are still lots of people willing to serve. Newspapermen told me the other day that since June 10 at least a thousand people have been down here to offer their services in filling the sixteen senate vacancies.

Because of the amount of business we now have in Ottawa, I.F.U.C. has established an Ottawa office for at least the remainder of this year. It went into operation Oct. 1. We intend to keep it well staffed with people such as Henry Young and Ed. Nelson, who can keep the farm problem before members of Parliament this fall.

This is a special issue of the Organized Farmer. I hope you like it. Its purpose is to stress the importance of the membership drive and the egg marketing plebiscite.

I would urge each of you, who is eligible, to vote in the plebiscite and, whether you are eligible or not, urge your neighbor to vote. Let's settle this issue once and for all, and let's make the result as emphatic as possible.

The importance of the membership drive I know you appreciate. But do you appreciate what an easy job it is when everyone does his part? If each member would renew and get one new member we would have over 75% of all Alberta farmers. It's as easy as that.

I know the troubles farmers are in, and I know that they are not getting easier. I know, too, that government is giving more consideration to these problems than they have for years. Now is the time to strive for action. Every farm union is putting on a special campaign to increase membership this fall. Alberta has always taken the lead. Let's do it again!

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Let's be sure that we take this next big step . . . .

## ORDERLY MARKETING!!

OTHER PRODUCERS ARE GETTING ON THE BAND WAGON!! Poultry Producers will not be left behind!

Don't let your organizations and your neighbors D O W N !

**Be sure to vote "YES" for the Egg Marketing Plan.**

# FWUA Section



## Membership Drive

by MRS. C. T. ARMSTRONG



Mrs. C. T. Armstrong, President, F.W.U.A.

The week of November 11 to 16 has been declared F.U.A. Membership-drive Week. This is an open invitation for ALL farm people to renew their membership or become a new member in their own organization.It is through our own efforts that we enjoy the privilege of working together for those things which we need as an agricultural group. It is in our own organization that we can discuss the pros and cons of matters that are of vital concern to us as farm people. While our men are busy with such things as all phases of marketing farm products, and pertinent matters related to proper farm practices and animal husbandry; we women are interested in the things that affect the home and the family. For the farm woman who really wants to do something worthwhile for her family and her community, the Farm Women's Union of Alberta is the avenue through which she can make her wishes known and learn from other women just what they think about these particular matters. Here she will find that cut and dried opinion does not exist, but a free exchange of ideas which, when properly studied and worked over, usually bring a democratic resolution which can be taken to the proper authorities and gain a fair hearing. Many organizations seek the support of the F.W.U.A. because they know that we have proven ourselves in the past and have the esteem of fair-minded people. It is for this reason that we must be diligent in keeping our associations close to the farm family, and only lend our support to ideals like our own.

The F.W.U.A. has a program which helps the locals to conduct an interesting meeting, and of course we encourage the discussion of matters which affect the local community, so whether it is education, health, social welfare, planning a farmstead, or a picnic, or a dance or card party, your local is the place where you can meet and get things done.

As president of the F.W.U.A. I want to make a special appeal to all farm people, whether you are a member or not, I want to speak with you personally. I would like to tell you that I am not going to sell you anything, nor high-pressure you into buying a membership. You probably would be very willing to take out your membership, and leave the time for a friendly little chat, or perhaps you have all the answers ready to tell me that you do not want to belong. The only thing I do want to say is, unfortunately I won't be able to visit with each one of you personally, so I won't be able to discuss those angles with you. We will be indebted to our faithful canvassers again this year, and I am going to ask that you at least be courteous to them and greet them in a friendly way. If you want to be a member let the canvasser know right away, and use any time that he or she may have to good advantage on exchange of ideas that will be useful to yourselves and to the organization. We appreciate your co-operation from year to year in the re-newing of your memberships. If there are any who have doubt in joining the Farmers' Union, I am sure that if you have a fair question to ask about the union, it will be answered in an honest way, and the correct information

given to you. Please remember that the canvassers are busy people trying to do a job for all farm people to give everyone the opportunity of becoming a member.

I would appeal to the men in asking that we would appreciate having the farm wife and family as our members. It is not only cheaper to enroll the family, but it gives the opportunity to the women and young people to become acquainted with their neighbours and with the program of the organization. We farm people pride ourselves on our willingness to help our neighbours in time of trouble, if that be true, then we should be happy to associate ourselves in our own farm organization, where we can have our say, and mould the policy that we think is right for the farm families.

I said I wouldn't sell you anything, but I do hope that you will greet your canvasser in a friendly way, for he is one of your neighbours, and help him put this membership drive over the top. If you give your family membership I would commend you for your good judgment, for your trying to do your bit in helping solve the problems that beset the farm people at this time. If your canvasser is one of our farm women, I hope that you will be just as courteous and co-operative in taking out a family membership. May we count on you?

## Vote for the Egg Marketing Board

## F.W.U.A. Hi-Lights . . .

Bigstone FWUA #1114 (Youngstown) heard an educative, and very interesting, address by Mrs. W. Wilson, president of Cereal Hospital Auxiliary, on the functioning of the women's group in aid of the hospital. At her urging one of the members of Bigstone local was appointed as a representative of the local to the auxiliary. The local members are working hard to finish sewing 12 uniforms for a Korean orphanage, material was supplied by the Unitarian Service Committee.

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Gleichen FWUA #1010 have made plans for their annual fall dance. The quilt made by this local will be raffled at the dance. Mrs. W. L. Barker was guest speaker at the last meeting and was much enjoyed. Two suppers are planned for this fall — one for FUA—FWUA members, — the second for the whole community.

Fort Saskatchewan FWUA #604 report their foreman elected for the membership drive. Topics for the Australian Scrapbook were given out to the members to be completed by the next meeting.

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Ranfurly FWUA #610 report a very lively meeting. This local planned to invite six surrounding locals to attend the public meeting at which Mr. Sandford was to speak. A foreman has been chosen for the membership drive.

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Anthony Hill FWUA #909 (Ponoka) report a most interesting meeting, at which Mr. Ed. Nelson gave an outline showing how the Car Insurance Dollar could be spent to advantage, by way of a 100% sign-up. Plans are underway to have Don Clayton show his slides on Australia.

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Black Diamond FWUA #1214 (Okotoks) is obtaining cook books to have on hand as shower gifts and Christmas presents. The members have been very busy finishing up 27 baby bonnets for an emergency appeal by the Red Cross.

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Plans for a dance to raise funds for delegate expenses were discussed by New Borschiw FWUA #625 (Haight), also discussion held on ways of making meetings more interesting. District home economist is expected in October, to speak on subject of her own choice.

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West Wind FWUA #1217 (Pincher Creek) reports plans made for a number of interesting and profitable events — such as a bake sale and sale of aprons, an open house party for a silver wedding anniversary, etc. This local's float won first prize at the agricultural fair parade, in organizational floats. They featured a kitchen rhythm band. This local has "adopted" eight women mental patients at Ponoka and will be sending them birthday gifts, and parcels every four months.

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The Red Deer Lake FWUA #1216 (Midnapore) donated $10.00 to Shirley Taylor, the student in grade IX having the highest standing. Another fall bazaar is much favored by the members of this local. A donation of $25.00 was again donated to the film library of the school.

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The secretary of Fleet Local FWUA #1104 reports that the bulletins and information were thoroughly enjoyed by the members, and they ask for more nutrition notes (these are supplied by the Department of National Health and Welfare, Ottawa, and we receive barely enough each month for each local. Sorry!)

Park Grove FWUA #609 (Vegreville) heard reports by different members on the animal life of Australia, and on transportation and communication of Australia. The boy or girl who enters most items in the Vegreville Fair will again this year be given a prize by this local.

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The Spruceville FWUA #912 (Lacombe) plan to remember a "Shut-in" with a gift of flowers or fruit once a month. This local's members spent a day in Red Deer visiting the Provincial Training School; Twilight Home and Central Alberta Dairy Pool, etc. It is hoped to have the district nurse give a talk at the next meeting.

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Barrhead FWUA #302 will be planning the fall and winter program at the November meeting. Some members visited, on invitation, the Freedom #317 local and enjoyed the meeting very much.

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At the Imperial FWUA #621 (Vegreville) meeting the ladies found the bulletin on health, as pertaining to fluoridation of water in regard to tooth decay, very interesting. "Understanding our World Neighbors" was found to be quite enlightening. This local has a member take the nutrition bulletin home for study and to be reported on at the next meeting, and the ladies find this very helpful.

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The members of Bon Accord FWUA #612 are planning a pot luck supper, debate (subject to be decided by a committee), and guest early in October.

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Members of Milo-Queenstown FWUA #1206 (Milo) find the bulletins on health and "Understanding our world neighbors" most interesting. The film "Out of Darkness" is to be shown at a home and school meeting, at which one of the farm union members has been asked to give a short talk on mental health and to introduce the film.

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Westlock FWUA #308 report an exceptionally good turnout in spite of the busy season, and all were happy with the holiday they had had in Edmonton—when they visited a number of interesting new buildings and industries and a horticultural show. They also report much interest shown in bulletins, especially the one on Australia.

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Pollockville FWUA #1106 report a very busy meeting in September. Plans are under way for a bazaar, and also to have the D.H.E. to speak on electrical equipment at some early meeting. A number of donations were made to worthy causes.

# Veteran Member of F.U.A. Urges Support of Drive

We are soon going to have a membership drive. Why is such a campaign necessary? Why do we farmers have to be talked into joining our own organization? Why don't we pay our membership fees entirely voluntarily?

Do you know? If so, we would like to hear from you. The farmers organization now has an unusual opportunity to get results. Our last federal government was defeated, it appears, at least partly because some of the cabinet refused to recognize that Canadian Agriculture has a financial problem.

We now have a minority government. Is the present Conservative Government convinced that Agriculture has a problem? Let us not take any chances! Join the Farmers' Union in order that we may have representation, persuasion and strength.

The chances are that another federal election may be called within two years, or even one year. We who live in a rural constituency should make every effort to see that the Liberals and Conservatives nominate farmers as candidates.

Please go pay your FUA dues. Don't wait for some overworked and underpaid canvasser to come and collect them.

R. E. G. Armstrong,
Chairman, Veteran's Section, FUA

## Support the F.U.A. Membership Drive

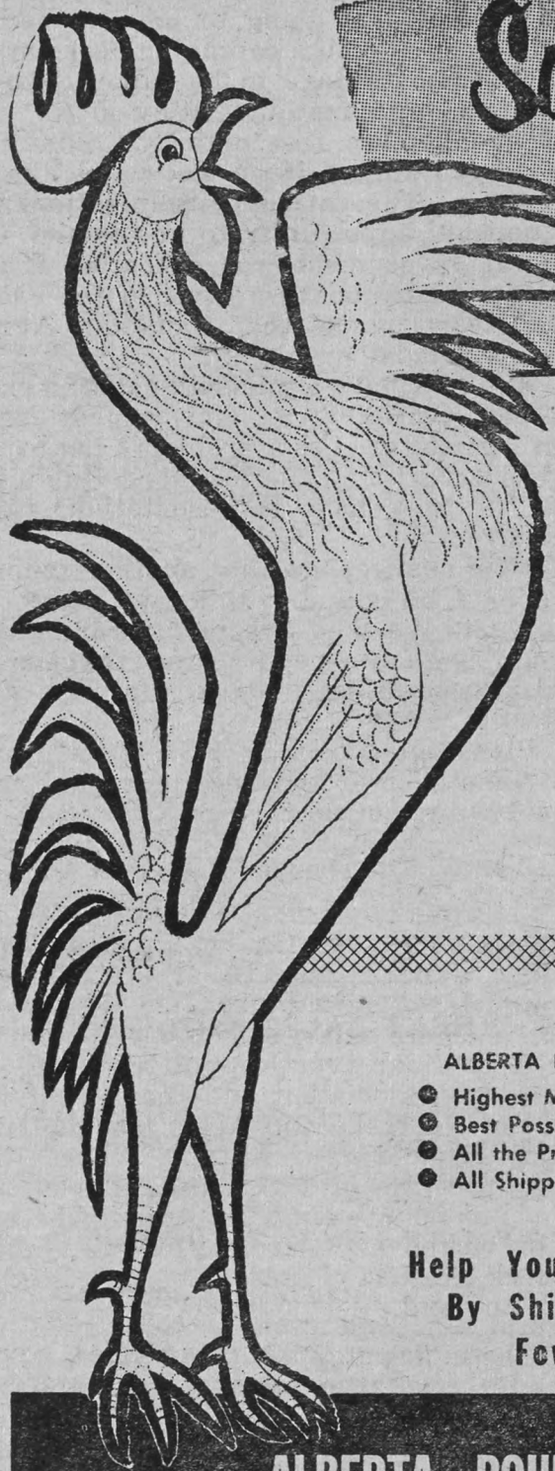
### U.S. WHEAT SALES STUDIED

A five-man group appointed by the Wheat Growers' Association and the Wheat Commissions of Nebraska and Arkansas left the United States Sept. 25 for Europe, where they will study the sale of U.S. hard red winter wheat in a number of countries. Among the countries to be visited are Germany, Switzerland, Italy, Greece, Austria, France, Belgium, Netherlands and England.

The ladies of Wild Rose FWUA #1108 (Carolside) are attempting a new hobby, china painting. A buzz session on "How the F.U.A. can help interest young people in farming" was held.

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It is felt by Drumheller East FWUA #1111 that they need more information on A.C.W.A. Much correspondence was looked after and bulletins read, also Mrs. Armstrong's letter in "The Organized Farmer." The ladies are working on quilt blocks for the Red Cross.



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# What Has The Farmer's Union Done In 1957?

**Ed. Nelson takes a thoughtful look at 1957 in terms of FUA activities. It has been a busy year, he concludes, and one of many achievements.**

The time of year is fast approaching when the faithful will once again, sally forth to ask their neighbors to renew or acquire membership in the Farmers' Union. When they do, instead of being met with a glad hand and encouragement, they are quite often asked to submit to a form of third degree. The questions vary, but by far the most common are: Why should I join the Farmers' Union? What has it done for me? What is it going to do for me?

**I think that far too much emphasis is placed on specific accomplishments at certain times. There is a continuing effort at all times and quite often it is the effort put forth this year that will bear fruit ten years from now. The same can be said for the things that were done years ago and are only now reaching fulfilment. If we could get the farm people to look on their Farmers' Union as a necessary part of our way of life there would not be so much need to look for day-to-day accomplishments. We live in a society that is purely selfish in all its motives. To survive, the farm people must be selfish too. They must be prepared to do what any wild animal would do: fight for everthing there is to get. If they do not, there are plenty of others who are prepared to fight and who will get what they fight for. Since there is not enough to go around, those people not prepared to fight will naturally go without.**

That is exactly what your Farmers' Union has been doing this past year. This has been a year that could go down in history as being a year of many achiements. First and foremost is the fact that, through our Farmers' Union, we were able, at long last, to show the governments and other groups of people that there is a discrepancy between farm income and other income. Further, the program that farm organizations evolved this year to deal with the problem has been recognized as a possible solution. While it has not been accepted in its entirety as yet, we have good reason to believe that if the farm people are prepared to back the plan, both with **membership** and **planned action,** something bordering on justice will finally come out of it.

## FOUR-POINT PLAN

The plan? If you have been interested in farm union work this past year you have heard of it. It is simple and provides for the following:

**1. Planned or organized marketing to establish the best possible price**

**2. If that price is not enough, the government to be responsible for injecting limited deficiency payments in to farm income — enough, at least, to compare with protection given to other industries.**

**3. A realistic credit plan, making money available to get maximum efficiency out of the farm.**

**4. An insurance program to effectively take care of loss that would ordinarily cripple operations.**

By various means, your organization has spent a busy year trying to get something along these lines implemented, both on the government and farm level. Below is a list of work done on the government level.

Briefs to various federal departments: submission to government, Feb. 19; submission to standing committeee on agriculture, March; submission to prime minister and cabinet, Aug. 15, and submission on freight rates, Sept. 24.

Briefs to provincial departments: submission to cabinet, Jan. 11; FWUA submission to cabinet, Jan 28; submission re crop insurance to minister of agriculture, June 24, and submission to teachers' salary schedule commission Sept. 11.

Rank and file members were responsible for much of the work done on the marketing boards, co-operative buying and selling and car insurance pool.

## COMMITTEES ORGANIZED

Several committees were set up to study problems and make recommendations to the board. Among the committees were ones on crop insurance, power, farm safety, finance and co-ops.

Finally, with a change in government this last year, your president has been unusually busy seeing that the new cabinet has the proper information to set up a farm program best suited to agriculture.

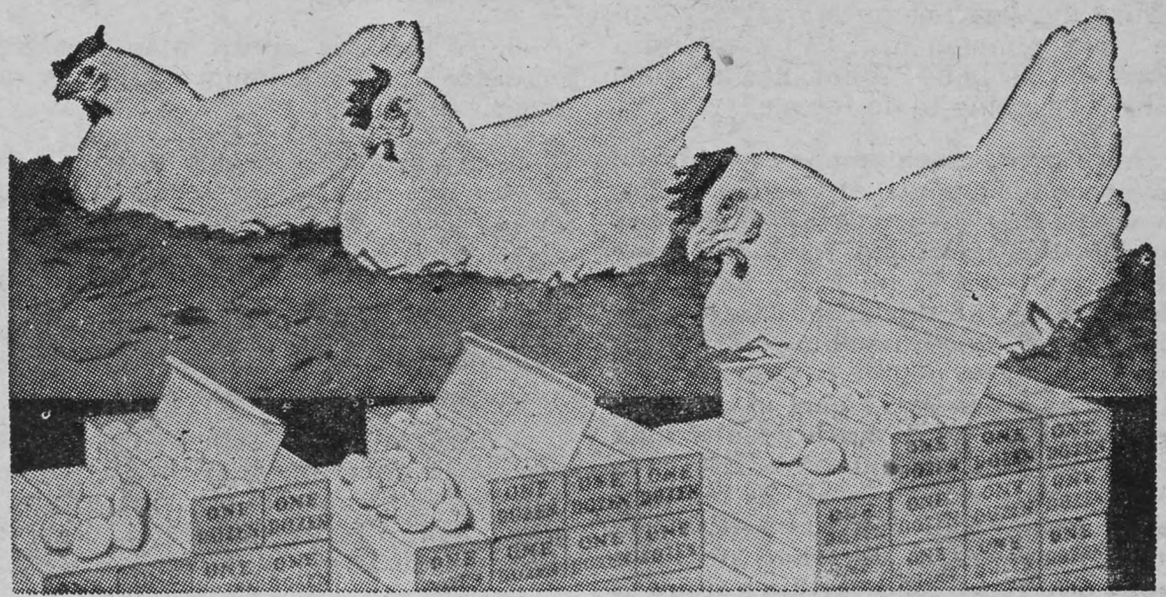
In other words, your union has been busy the last **year looking after your best interests.** Taking the Farmers' Union out of circulation

would be a good deal like pulling the teeth, claws, etc. out of some animal, turning it loose in the animal world and expecting it to survive. Your Farmers' Union represents your teeth, claws and eyes, helping you to live in a society where each group is out to get all it can for itself. Who is willing to suggest we can get along without our organization.

Whenever anyone asks me "What has the Farmers' Union done?" I have no hesitation in asking that person in turn: **WHAT HAVE YOU DONE?**

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**Vote for the Egg Marketing Board**

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# The Egg Marketing Plebiscite

Voter's lists are being prepared in Alberta for the liquor plebiscite and for the plebiscite to decide whether or not Alberta poultrymen will sell their eggs through their own marketing board. Enumeration for plebiscites is being taken at the same time.

**If a poultryman has 50 or more laying hens, his name will be placed on the voter's list. If he has 20 - 50 hens, the enumerator will give him a registration form, which the poultryman should fill out and mail before Nov. 4, if he intends to vote. If he is not interested, he need not bother filling it out. Poultrymen having less than 20 hens are not considered to be commercial producers and so will not be entitled to vote.**

Ballots will be mailed about the middle of November to all those names on the voters' list, and plenty of time will be allowed for them to be marked and returned. The ballot should be marked with an X, and sealed in a "ballot envelope," which will be supplied. This envelope must then be sealed in the self-addressed envelope and mailed. No stamp will be necessary; postage will be paid at the receiving end.

## DIFFERENT PLEBISCITE

The result of a plebiscite is usually decided by a stated majority, but **this plebiscite is different.** The Marketing of Agricultural Products Act states that at least 51 percent of those whose names are **on the voters' list** must vote in favor of the plan before it can be introduced. Poultrymen must realize the problem which this creates. If anyone has his name on the voters' list, but does not vote, he counts as **a vote against the plan.** It is most important, therefore, that everyone whose name is on the voters' list makes sure that he votes.

**Broadly stated, the issue in this plebiscite is this: Are farmers prepared to set up their own marketing board in order to eliminate speculation, properly dispose of surpluses and bring some order and stability into the egg market, thereby placing the poultry business on a reasonably sound footing? Or are they going to muddle along, as they have done in the past, with the marketing system which takes their eggs from them at its own price, leaving them no practical alternative?**

There is another issue. Preliminary meetings have already been held with poultrymen of several other provinces. Without exception, these men have stated that egg producers in their provinces will be voting on similar plans in the very near future. In most cases these plans are already prepared. Alberta is expected to take the lead by obtaining a favorable vote.

## FARMERS SUPPORT PLAN

In this province the plan has the support of the organized poultrymen, the Farmers' Union, and all the larger producer and consumer co-operatives. Farmers, through their organization, and individuality, are in strong support of the principle of marketing boards. Only in this way, they believe, can they eliminate those factors which tend to depress prices unduly.

C. W. McInnis, president of the Ontario Hog Producers, in his annual address to that group's delegates in 1956 said: "In some countries of Europe, including the United Kingdom, the producers have gone into the processing business. It has disrupted and established processing firms but has given greater security and control to the farmers over product. We, however, do not wish to disrupt the processing firms as already established, if we can get into a bargaining position in respect to marketing.

"It is better for the morale of Canadian producers and for the future economic security of producers if we follow the policy of SELF HELP — IT IS ALWAYS SAFER TO STAND ON YOUR FEET THAN TO LEAN ON OTHERS."

At another point Mr. McInnis said "Producers . . . have the right to bargain for the sale of their goods."

**The last two statements pretty well sum up the thinking of Alberta farmers with regard to the egg marketing. They are not "agin" anybody. They simply want to do a job of marketing for themselves, and they believe that they have the right to do it without undue interference from anyone.**

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## Support the F.U.A. Membership Drive

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## PROPOSED FLOUR SUBSIDY TURNED DOWN

A request from millers for a subsidy on export flour has been rejected by the Australian government.

In announcing its rejection, the government said it was continuously opposing the export of government-subsidized surplus primary products by other countries and would not get in a price-cutting war.

# The Farmers' Union of Alberta is a non-political organization open to all farmers, regardless of race, religion, or type of farm.

To all farmers in Alberta, November 11 to 16 is membership week. Let's not wait for the canvasser to call.

Sign up right away as we have a big job to do if we are to get a large percentage of the farmers in the Farmers' Union. This we must have if we expect to get parity prices for our products.

Our president and directors are doing a good job for us, but they need your support. We must have a large farmers' organization to speak for agriculture if we farmers are to recieve our just share of the national income.

Contact your neighbors and get them to sign, also, for in unity there is strength.

Best of luck for a successful drive.

Chas. King, Director for Sub-district 4 of District 9, Breton, Alberta

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Alla för en, och en för alla
Kom tilsamans med andra i din egen förening.

Carl J. Anderson

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Wieder ist ein Yahr vergangen und die Farmers' Union of Alberta ermahnt alle die das Land Kerstellen, sich in Einigkeit und Treue zu verbunden, der Ruf geht aus:

"Nimm kanadischer Bauer den Pflug in die Hand
Ziehe Furche an Furche dirrchs neue Land
Alles was unwahr ist, alles was trügt
jedweder Unkraut wird untergepflügt
bis das der Boden in Ost un Norden
und Süd und West ist gut gewarden
und aus Bauerngeist unde Arbeit zugleich
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When es ist
Round up Time in Alberta
fram November 11 - 16.

M. O. Schatzke,
Stony Plain, Alberta.

Que nous réserve l'avenir ?
Sommes-nous satisfaits de la justice sociale !

Oui, le temps est arrivé et c'est plus nécessaire que jamais de recruter des membres pour notre organisation l'F.U.A. Il faut renouveler et augmenter notre abonnement.

Je fais un appel spécial à toutes les femmes fermières de devenir membre de l'Union. Et aux jeunes, qui seront nos futures (cultivatrices) cultivateurs.

Nous avons besoin de vous tous — pour donner la force à notre Union. Nous demandons la justice sociale d'abord ! Et comment l'obtenir ! En devenant des membres actifs de votre organisation.

N'oubliez pas que le F.U.A. a obtenu beaucoup pour le bien de tous les fermiers, trop nombreux pour mentionner ici. Ce n'est pas le temps d'arrêter, il faut persister. Et c'est en travaillant ensemble dans nos entreprises que nous réussirons.

Oui, n'oubliez pas que nous puissions être intrumentaux dans les revenus économiques, si nous devenons des membres actifs de l'F.U.A.

Je suggèrerais que chaque local appointe un "foreman". Et ensuite qu'il demande de l'aide des autres membres et n'oubliez pas les femmes elles sont indispensables dans l'organisation. Nous voulons souscrire toute la famille. C'est là, la force. Mr. D. C. McCorkle (Executive Asst.) vous enverra les formules nécessaires pour le "Membership drive".

Nous devrions être fiers des chefs de notre organisation. Ils ont besoin du support et du dévouement de chacun et chacune de nous. C'est notre devoir comme citoyen de faire notre part pour le bien de la famille, la communauté et le pays.

Bon succès,
Votre toute dévouée
**Laura Gibeau,**
F.W.U.A., Directrice District 5

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ШАНОВНІ ФАРМЕРІ!

Від 11 - 16 листопада ц. р. фармерська організація F.U.A. влаштовує кампанію за здобуттям якнайбільшого числа нових членів.

Ваша піддержка кампанії є дуже потрібна, щоб разом працювати для добра всіх фармерів, бо тільки спільними силами в сильній організації ми зможемо вибороти краще життя.

Тож апелюю до вас усіх — запишіться в фармерську організацію коли до вас приїдуть ваші сусіди.

Mrs. Paul Dowhaniuk.

## Vote for the Egg Marketing Board

# C.A.D.P.'S JAMES WOOD INTERVIEWED



J. L. WOOD
Chairman C.A.D.P.

This month's tape-recorded talk is with James A. Wood, chairman of the Central Alberta Dairy Pool. FUA director of extension W. A. Moisey, called at the Wood farm at Elnora in September and brought back the following interview.

When was Central Alberta Dairy Pool formed, Mr. Wood?

**CADP first operated as a pool in 1925. Following the formation of the Alberta Wheat Pool in 1923, with dairymen being in a position where margins were quite wide — as much as eight cents between the price of butterfat and cream — the Eclipse local of UFA decided that they would like to form a pool. They interviewed a Mr. Larson, who was operating the Alix Creamery at that time, and made an arrangement with him that they would receive patronage on the percentage of volume of cream that was shipped to the Alix plant. In all, 150 farmers gave their contract to the Eclipse local, and Mr. Larson manufactured the cream for this group.**

**At the end of the first year, the men who had signed a contract received dividends close to five cents a pound. Within three years, over 90% of the cream going to that plant was under contract. The local took an option on Mr. Larson's plant and began to operate as CADP, the first organized dairy in Alberta. At present we have over 12,000 members.**

**(I should mention that at one time three dairy pools — Central, Northern and Southern — were organized in Alberta. Southern Dairy Pool has since amalgamated with CADP, so now there are just the two dairy pools operating in the province.)**

What is your area in CADP?

**CADP covers all the area south of the line halfway between Wetaskiwin and Ponoka.**

How many plants are in operation within the CADP organization at the present time?

**We have a condensery at Red Deer and plants at Red Deer, Eckville, Ponoka, Bentley, Rimbey, Bluffton, Coronation, Hanna, Calgary, Acme, Olds, Lethbridge and Alix.**

Now, can we get an idea about the annual turnover of CADP?

**In 1956 our dollar turnover was a little over $10,000,000, bigger, I think, than in any other year.**

**Each year, it seems, we handle a few extra hundred thousand pounds of butterfat and a considerable additional volume in eggs, about 60,000 more than last year, I think. We handled close to a million pounds of honey, and our eviscerating plant and canning unit each had a very nice year.**

What were some of the problems the board had to solve in the early years of CADP?

**Finance would be our No. 1 problem. When I went on the board, CADP had $160,000 less than no money. In our report of 1956, it shows we have working capital now close to $700,000. Our total assets in 1938, when I went on the board, were under $200,000. Today we have close to two-and-a-quarter million dollars.**

Any other problems you would care to mention?

**When we started, margins were wide. Today, margins are eliminated. We pay full market competitive prices for all products when delivered to our organization. With margins being eliminated, we have not paid cash patronage dividends for the last few years — and maybe we have been chastised some for this. But, two years ago, we changed our articles.**

**We have set aside so many dollars ($55,000 in the last few years) to redeem the equity of estates in full. We have a category of elderly members who have reached the age of 70, and we have also set aside $55,000 in the last few years to redeem the equity of many of this class of member. During these years, we have paid out $110,000 under those two categories to estates and to members who have reached the age of 70.**

Do you intend to continue this?

**Yes. At the last annual meeting there was some discussion on the matter. One resolution was presented asking why we didn't pay a cash dividend again. I think all members of the board expressed that we had committed ourselves and that we were going to continue paying our estates and 70-year-olds. We have the power to extend that — to reduce the age below 70 years or redeeem a percentage of the total equity of a member in a year that it seems in the best interests of the association to do so. I might say that over the years from 1925, we have set aside two-ond-a-quarter million dollars in final payments to our customers. Close to $1,000,000 of it has been redeemed for cash.**

What is your opinion of the Marketing Board proposal?

**Well being a UFA, FUA and wheat pool man and one who always ships his stock to the ALC, I can't see any other light but a marketing board, especially for eggs and hogs. As a member of the marketing committee and knowing what the wheat board has accomplished for the farmer, I would say a marketing board is our only salvation.**

Are farmers as co-op minded today as they were 25 years ago?

**That is a big question. We have those who are 100% cooperators and know they are going to get fair weights and best grades for their products. However, we still have those who figure they are individualists and that nobody can do a better job than they. I think they would just like to run their own business and not have anybody else have any part of it.**

What are the economic items that are of interest to farmers in Alberta?

**I would think the price-cost squeeze.**

What are the products handled by CADP?

**Milk, butter, eggs, poultry and honey. I am sure that almost every person has had Alpha honey, and everybody knows Alpha canned milk.**

Who are the present members of the board?

**We have John Stone of Alix, representing Division 1; Alex Ross, Duhamel, 2; J. B. Bradley, Lacombe, 3; Fred Domoney, Penhold, 4; J. A. Wood, Elnora, 5; Ed. Eckman, Coronation, 6; Mr. Jacobson, Coaldale, 7; Don Ross, Olds, 8, and George Church, Balzac, 9.**

**Support the F.U.A. Membership Drive**

# F.U.A. Junior News

## JUNIOR ACTIVITIES

by DEAN LIEN, Junior FUA President

Each month the Oranized Farmer requests that someone from the Junior section of the FUA write a short article. It happens that I have been given the opportunity this month.

I should not like to dwell upon only one main topic, but rather would like to tell you what the Juniors are doing and what they are proposing to do.

This summer I attended eleven of the fourteen district conventions that were held. I should like to thank these districts for the kindness shown me while I was visiting there. I only regret that it was impossible for me to attend conventions in the other three districts. However, I hope some day to be able to visit these.

In visiting the different conventions, I was given the opportunity to speak to the delegates present. Their response was very good. Everyone of the eleven districts seemed interested in what the Juniors are doing and also in what we plan to do in the future. This interest may have sprung from the fact that many people did not realize what the Juniors really stand for and what they are achieving. I hope I was able to give them a better understanding of the important part the Juniors play. I hope, too, that these delegates are still as interested in the Juniors as they were at the time of the conventions.

**ATTENDANCE POOR**

The attendance of Junior members at these conventions was poor. Of the eleven districts visited only **two** showed good Junior representation. In these two districts the Juniors played an active part at the convention. In one case a Junior was chairman and in the other Juniors were on the resolutions committee, ushered and performed other tasks necessary to the success of the convention. It is certainly a very good indication, in any organization, to see younger men and women taking an active and important part.

When I speak of "Juniors" and "younger people," I am indicating a broad age group. The age is irrelavent. The question is: What about the individual? Is he or she doing all that is possible to assist this farmers' organization?

There are many young farm people who do not care to be called Juniors after they have reached the age of 21 or 22 years. I feel that these people are possibly senior in character and mind, though they are not completely ready to accept the ideas and ways of older seniors. They are in an awkward situation—many accept them as adult, while possibly a greater number do not recognize their ideas and suggestions.

We of the Juniors are not terribly concerned whether they are Junior or Senior. We are concerned, however, about them belonging and taking part. We also feel that we are now coming up with a program that will interest young people, as well as offer them something in return for the betterment of themselves, their homes, communities and country.

**PLAN STARTED**

Knowing that there is considerable need for advancement in the rural districts of our province, we have started on a plan to educate in leadership, community work, agricultural development, accounting, farm management and other important topics. The plan is being carried out through a type of recreational learning. A great amount of fun can be developed in any group of young people, and, at the same time, they can be learning principles which will help strengthen their organization and make their homes and countries better places in which to live.

In closing, I would like to express the hope that we of the Farmers' Union can depend on your support when the membership drive rolls around. I also hope that this year's annual convention will be the best yet. Of course, it is bound to be if you support the membership drive.

# 1958 A FATEFUL YEAR

by H. YOUNG, FUA Vice-president

The year 1958 may well be a critical and decisive one for Canadian farmers. For some time now we have been slipping, and disaster is not far off.

It is now ten years since price control was removed in Canada. During that time farm costs, including taxes, have doubled, while farm income remains about the same. In fact, all grain prices are lower than in 1947. These higher farm costs have been met mainly by greater efficiency on the part of farmers, including the rapid mechanization of the farm.

During these ten years the higher earnings in other occupations have drained all surplus labor from the farm. This includes many efficient and valuable farm operators who saw greater opportunity elsewhere. This exodus from the land has forced mechanization regardless of the fact that the price of farm machinery is completely out of line with the price of farm products. To the farmer of the nineteen fifties, it has been a case of "mechanize or quit". Many farmers have been forced by circumstances to assume a new, heavy debt burden for mechanization. The policy of the Alberta Government of forcing farmers to pay all the cost of rural electrification has added materially to this debt burden.

During this ten year period we have been blessed with much better than average crop yields. In fact, the grain surplus of today has arisen from that fact alone. It is obvious to anyone acquainted with the facts that reducing the surplus (though desirable) will not solve our problems. What is needed is a better relationship between farm costs and farm prices, or in other words "Parity Prices" for Agriculture.

Securing that new price relationship is the job to which we, as farmers, must address ourselves if we are to survive and enjoy the benefits of modern civilization. In Canada we are living in a very complex and highly organized society. All other economic groups are to see that their interests are promoted. Protection of various kinds is given the different interests; most Industries have tariff protection or subsidies, as in the case of gold mining. Labor has laws to protect its right to organize, to bargain collectively and even strike. The teaching profession, once the poor relation of the professions, has raised it's status far above Agriculture.

In the case of all these different professions and industries we find one thing in common. The people engaged in them are all strongely and effectively organized and they use their organization to the limit. In the complex society of today, ordinary individuals cannot do much alone. Organization is the modern technique for developing the collective strength of an economic group to promoting their interests. Today the good things of modern life are divided largely according to the organized strength of each economic group in our society. Those ineffectively organized get what is left, which is not much. That is where Canadian Agriculture stands today.

Now the question is "Where do we go from here?" Shall we go forward to a better deal for the people on the land or drag along on a standard of living before all other economic groups in Canada? Actually the position of the Canadian farming groups is relatively much worse today than in 1947. All other groups in our economy have improved their position. Why not Agriculture?

There are two reasons for this. First, as a class we work too hard. No other class in Canada works as hard as they did twenty years ago. The farmer works far harder than he did then. Today by using modern equipment and working 12 to 18 hours a day, we have literally worked ourselves out of a job. We have now a surplus in every line of farm produce and no effective control over our prices. This ruinous policy makes us poorer every year. All other economic groups in our Canadian society have reduced their hours and improved their relative position. We farmers have increased our hours and output and are relatively worse off.

The second reason for our position is that we have failed to take full advantage of organization. True we have Unions, and good work has been done through them, but we have only scratched the surface here. We have complained loud and long about our economic woes, but what have we done to change them? How can we expect to get our share of the National Income unless we are organized as effectively as those interests who take it from us? Who can speak for Agriculture until we get together and speak with one voice.

Long observation of the farm scene has convinced me that there will be no solution of the farm problem until we organize completely and effectively. We must control our own business and have a say in setting our own prices. Only an organized people can do that.

The time is critical. Every year more of our best people leave the farm. Lack of proper returns is causing misuse of land with subsequent deterioration. The family farm is in danger. The future of agriculture is at stake. For those who have eyes to see, it is surely "Organize or quit".

We have a new Government at Ottawa. They need advice and guidance on their policy toward Agriculture. The policies they adopt may be

vital to our welfare. Who can give them the direction that they need unless we are fully organized? Other groups will present their views. Farming cannot afford to lag behind.

Then again we have a tremendous public relations job to do with the other groups in our nation. Less than 20% of the Canadian people now live on the farm. Many of the Urban people do not understand the position of the Agricultural section. We need their support for measures to better our condition. We will never get it unless the need is explained to them. Only an organization representing all the farmers can do this job. And it is a vital one.

The 1957 harvest is now largely over. On the average, the crop is none too good, yet getting it harvested was important. However in the long run the job still to be done this fall will be far more important. Across the prairies next month the harvest of memberships in the Farm Unions will help to determine our standard of living for the future. It will pay us all to help as best we can, to gather in that harvest.

Organization is the modern technique. Agriculture cannot succeed without it. To those who are tired of the struggle, I would urge you to take hold once more. Quitters never win, and we have too much at stake to quit now.

In 1958 farmers need 100% organization and full use of that organization. Let us strive for that goal. If we do not stand up for our own proper interests no one else will do it for us.

## Vote for the Egg Marketing Board

## *Across The Secretary's Desk*



**By Mrs. Pansy Molen**

### ANNUAL CONVENTION

The annual convention of the Farmers' Union of Alberta will be held in Edmonton, Dec. 9th to 13th inclusive at the Macdonald Hotel. Representation is based on the number of paid-up members in a local. Locals are allowed one delegate for each 20 members or major portion thereof, with each local having six paid up members being entitled to one delegate. Visitors will be welcome but only delegates are given voting privileges.

Delegates will participate in the pool transportation fund, with the pool rate set at $12.00 which means all delegates will pay a total of $12.00 into the pool regardless of what distance they may be from Edmonton.

I want to impress upon all locals the importance of sending delegates to the annual convention. This is the governing body of the Union, the place where policy is determined, and where the leaders of the movement are selected. No local can really do its part in the farm movement unless it is represented at the annual convention, so be sure to send your delegates to Edmonton this year.

For speakers we expect to have a minister from the Federal Cabinet, Hon. E. W. Hinman, pro-

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**DON'T DRAG BEHIND, JOIN F.U.A.**

**— that's the motto of the Busby Locals' float shown here. The float was entered in this summer's fair at Westlock.**

# F.W.U.A. President's Report

**by Mrs. C. T. Armstrong**

A short plane ride took us from Geneva to Paris, one step nearer home! We were able to see the contour of the land, and where it was green we knew it was grapes growing, and the other fields were crops of grain being harvested. Of course France is noted for its wines, and grows enough grapes to supply their own needs as well as for export. The airport was a long way from the hotel, so we enjoyed the bus-ride in, for we saw the countryside and then as we got into Paris we saw the famous streets with their lovely trees. Our hotel was convenient to Printemps and Lafayette department stores, which were to be compared with Eaton's, Hudson's Bay, Woodward's or Simpson's stores here. Prices were high and it took many francs to buy the things we needed and the few souvenirs we could afford. I did buy myself a hat, for I knew I would be asked what did you buy in Paris? So a hat was the answer, and served as a good morale builder at this stage!

Of course the Eiffel Tower stands out very clearly as a famous landmark, and on closer inspection, it is a remarkable piece of engineering and steel construction. When it was built for the Exhibition in Paris, it was the tallest tower in the world. Another land-mark is the Sacred Heart Church which is built on the hillside of Mont Marte. Of course everyone reads and hears about the famous Louvre with its paintings and sculptured art. To really enjoy this we needed more time than we had there, but we did see the paintings of Mona Lisa, the Angelus, and the marble Venus de Milo, Winged Victory and others. We had to take a cab to get to several of the places we wanted to see, and indeed I could write a book on that performance. You hail the cab, and almost get run over in the bargain, then someone steps into it, and you start all over again, till you win! We saw the lovely flower markets, and the markets where you can buy most everything a wee bit cheaper than the shops, Notre Dame Cathedral, the Bastille, and the River Seine winding its way through all of Paris and its many bridges necessary to link the right and left banks of the river. It was nice to see the Palace and Gardens of Versailles, it was here that French royalty once lived, and much of that era has been preserved. The beautiful tapestries and paintings depict much of the French history, and the beautiful Hall of Mirrors reflects the lovely formal gardens and fountains. We saw the room where the World War I Treaty was signed. There was much to see there, but our time was short, and we had to hurry on.

When we packed and got ready to leave for London, we knew that this was the last time we all would be going as a group, so there was not only the friendly chats, but the final meeting as the Canadian delegation. We met to evaluate our trip and get a business report for our constituent organizations in Canada. Since I was secretary of the group, it meant a lot of last minute work had to be done, but by this time we all were quite good at doing things quickly. When we arrived in London, the group went to different parts, and I was asked to take charge of those staying at the hotel. It was the August Bank Holiday, and seems everyone had to come to London. The weather was ideal and we were able to get around quite well. The orators were busy in Hyde Park, and the topics were varied of course.

I would have loved to stay longer in England at this time of year, for the flowers were lovely, and the days were sunny, but we were anxious to get back home to Canada. After a brief stop in Toronto, we came back to Calgary and it was a real thrill to see the prairies and the mountains. I was no longer a foreigner in another land, I was home and very thankful that we all had made the journey safely and without any real mishaps.

Our F.W.U.A. board meeting took place four days after my return, it was good to see everyone again, and to meet in our own F.U.A. office. We planned the convention program, and I am to be given the privilege of telling you more about the A.C.W.W. Conference at our annual convention in December. I will look forward to seeing you then.

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## RADIO BROADCASTS

The FUA has arranged to have spot announcements on the membership drive over radio stations CKRD, Red Deer; CFGP, Grande Prairie; CKYL, Peace River; CKSA, Lloydminster; CHAT; Medicine Hat; CJOC, Lethbridge; CFAC, Calgary; CFCW, Camrose; and CJCA, Edmonton, commencing on Sunday, Oct. 27 and continuing through to Friday, Nov. 15.

Mr. A. W. Platt, FUA president, will be making 5-minute talks as follows:

| **Wednesday, Nov. 6th** | **Sunday, Nov. 10th** |
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| CKRD — 10.15 p.m. | CKRD — 8.15 p.m. |
| CFGP — 8.15 p.m. | CFGP — 6.55 p.m. |
| CKYL — 10.20 p.m. | CKYL — 10.15 p.m. |
| CKSA — 10.10 p.m. | CKSA — 10.10 p.m. |
| CHAT — 9.30 p.m. | CHAT — 9.30 p.m. |
| CJOC — 10.15 p.m. | CJOC — 10.15 p.m. |
| CFAC — 8.10 p.m. | CFAC — 1.15 p.m. |
| CFCW — 10.15 p.m. | CFCW — 10.15 p.m. |
| CJCA — 10.15 p.m. | CJCA — 10.15 p.m. |

We urge all members to listen for these broadcasts as there will be important information on the FUA in them.

# American Institute of Co-operation Summer Session

by ALEX McCALLA

(This is the second in a series of articles dealing with the annual summer session of the American Institute of Co-operation at Fort Collins, Colorado. The third article will appear in an early issue.)

American agriculture appears to be much more conscious of national farm pressure groups than its Canadian counterpart. The four main agricultural pressure groups in the U.S. are the National Council of Farmers' Co-operatives, the legislative body of U. S. farmer co-ops, representing the majority of farmers' co-op companies across the nation; the National Farm Bureau, representing 1,670,000 farm families; the National Grange and the National Farmers' Union, the latter two representing about 1,000,000 farm families each.

The A.I.C., incidentally, is an educational body, whereas the above mentioned National Council of Farmers' Co-operatives is the policy-making legislative group in the U.S. co-operative picture. The two work in close contact with each other.

The U.S. total is around 5,000,000 farm families, so it is evident that American farmers in comparison with those in Alberta are more conscious of the necessity of direct-membership farm organizations.

## TREMENDOUS BUSINESS

American co-ops do a tremendous amount of business with farmers. It was estimated that about three billion dollars was invested in U.S. co-ops, which, using the figure of 5,000,000 farm families, is $600 per farmer. Also it was stated that one-fourth of the U.S. farm produce was marketed through farmer co-operative companies. It was estimated that one out of three U.S. farmers is a co-op member. Can Alberta co-ops match this record?

The American Institute has a full-time staff of capable men and women in Washington, D.C. They are: J. K. Stern, president; Howard McClarren, director of youth education; L. S. Hulbert, legal consultant; L. A. Vennes, land grant colleges; Norman Frost, rural education, and Mabel L. Robinson, assistant secretary-treasurer.

The board objectives of the Institute are to develop:

1. Better informed co-operative personnel
2. Better informed co-operative members
3. Better informed teachers and other educational workers
4. Better informed general public
5. More research work in the problems of farmer co-operatives in order that the co-ops may operate efficiently and in the public interest.

The Institute strives to set the stage to help youth members of farmer co-operatives, leaders and employees of farmer co-operatives, educators, government workers and others interested in free and better rural life to work out the solution to their problems and to arrive at their own conclusions.

## EDUCATION STRESSED

The A.I.C. places considerable stress on education in regard to the legal aspects of co-operative companies. Research has been carried forward to bring about a better understanding of legal and accounting matters pertaining to all phases of farmer co-operative organization and operation.

In order to give the widest circulation possible to current legal material on co-operative corporations and particularly to stimulate study of co-operative corporation law in law schools of the country, the Institute has published a book entitled "Co-operative Corporate Association Law."

The A.I.C. is also greatly interested in work with regard to public school education. It is attempting to develop among educators a better understanding of the place of agriculture and co-operatives in American life; to stimulate teaching about co-operatives and community life in schools; to mobilize the best thinking of agricultural leaders in formulating a more vital educational policy for public schools, particularly in rural areas, and to work with co-operatives on their own educational problems, especially as these are related to public educational agencies.

One important phase of the A.I.C. — its work dealing with youth — will be discussed fully in my next article.

## Support the F.U.A. Membership Drive

## ACROSS THE SECRETARY'S DESK . . .

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vincial treasurer, and a member of the Canadian Wheat Board. On the opening day, addresses will be given by your FUA, FWUA and Junior President—as well as a report on the activities of the FUA Board.

At the FWUA convention, which is held in conjunction with the FUA convention, speakers will include Miss Dixon of the Mental Guidance Clinic, Mr. Don Clayton, Farm Service Director at CJCA, Mrs. C. T. Armstrong, speaking on her trip to Ceylon and Dr. Ross, Provincial Minister of Health.

# The Pulse of Our Economy

by W. A. Moisey

During the last few months a split-phase has developed in the Canadian economy.

Consumer expenditures, except for agricultural machinery, are going up in all sectors. Grocery sales are up, with some stores reporting increases of 12%. Sales of household gadgetry are also up. All one needs to do is walk through the stores, particularly in the cities, and see how people buy. Industrial sales are steady—equipment, more equipment and still more equipment. A review of economic indicators reveals a steady business activity.

In the area of capital expenditures, a recent issue of The Financial Post gives a blue print of things to come in Canada. Industrial production lines are being set up for many products. Extra production of paper and minerals is at the top of the list. All these activities spell industrial expansion in Canada.

The growth of Canada's population, through natural increase and immigration, is overtaking all estimates that have been made. Some optimists say that by the end of 1957 this country's population will reach 17 million. This growth, in turn, spells more growth for all Canada.

However, when we review the prices of stocks, we note drops of as much as 10 points daily in the industrial stocks index. The daily press seems to record it with apathy. It is just a matter of course. It is difficult to put one's finger on the exact cause of the situation, the purchase and sale of stocks being very much a private affair. It takes time to find out who did what. Could it be that the people who 'kited' the Canadian stocks are being squeezed? We do not know.

Several weeks ago The Financial Post carried a full-page article on economic control of this country by our neighbors to the south. The writer illustrated with several examples how parent industries in the U.S. dictate to Canadian subsidiaries what to do and what not to do. We suspect that story must have had a tremendous impact on the stock market.

We have in Canada a boom in the industrial world. But with steady consumer expenditures, we have a stock market downward slide. Nobody seems to be perturbed about this stock market steep dive.

It appears to us that a new phase is being developed in Canadian economic activity. Is it possible that we are taking a bold step on our own? Is it an appearance of economic maturity? We hope so. Some of the leading industrialists are very optimistic about our continued economic growth.

Canadian agriculture is very much interested in this growth. Some economists predict that within the next five to eight years the demand for food will increase to the extent that surpluses will be used up. The demand for meat products will go up, that is certain. We note that U.S. beef men have upped their objectives by 8% already. I think we should increase ours also. If we do not, the U.S. will invade our market. What we need is a steadying influence from our senior government in price stabilization so that our producers can meet the demands without fear of price collapse and dumping.

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# SERVICES PROVIDED BY F.U.A.

by DEL McCORKLE

Many members of the Farmers' Union do not know of the services offered them by Central Office.

Foremost of these, I believe, is the opportunity for members who have a legal problem, to acquire through our lawyers free advice before obtaining, if necessary, the costly service of another lawyer.

Also, there is the Farm Union Accounting Service, a comprehensive service designed to help our members and prospective members with their income tax problems and estate planning. For a nominal charge, net worth statements are prepared for members. Free advice is also provided.

We are continually gathering information from provincial and federal sources to have it available for members. On numerous occasions, members have been saved money and time by obtaining from our office information pertaining to their farms. A prime example would be the data given on surface rights. Also, easements for pole lines, roads and highways are always subjects of arguments, and we have often been of assistance in this regard.

We at Central Office are always pleased when we have a request from a member for assistance in trying to solve the many problems that beset the farm family of today. Such requests indicate the member is availing himself of the services provided by the organization to which he belongs.

YOU, in being a member of the FUA, belong to an organization which is as necessary to you as the machinery with which you will till your land. But they both must be used to be of any value.

## DEL McCORKLE'S ROUND-UP

Why do we need a Farmers' Union of Alberta? Here are a few reasons:

During the last 18 months the farmers' production costs have increased **116 per cent**, while the price of wheat dropped 23 cents. Since the Second World War:

—farm machinery prices have skyrocketed 85 per cent.

—building material costs have increased 22 per cent.

—taxes and interest rates have risen 84 per cent.

—farm wages have jumped 420 per cent

—farm family living costs have increased 116 per cent.

In the years 1951-56, there has been a decline of 47,000 farm units in Canada. Alberta alone has lost 4,900 family farms.

The Farmers' Union of Alberta is well aware of the trouble farmers face. We also recognize that when farmers are in trouble, they usually turn to their neighbors for help.

Today, the reason for a sound farm policy is most important. The Alberta Farmers' Union has always stood for the family farm. We base our whole program on the concept of well-organized rural Alberta, composed of farm families living secure on the land they love.

That is why FUA asks you — and the farm family down the road — to join the organization fighting for Alberta farm families.

It is easy to see that with a 100% FUA sign-up, the farming population would be knit together in a solid organization, democratically managed and devoted exclusively to the best interests of the farmers themselves. If ever the farmers are to accomplish their ends, they must join together and have one voice. Then, not only better prices, but better farming and better living will be assured.

## EGG-NOG ECONOMICS

Figures recently released by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics indicate that egg production in Alberta for the first six months of this year increased by 3,000,000 dozen over that for the same period in 1956. For this extra production producers received $128,000 — about four cents per dozen.

The average price received by egg producers during the first half of 1956 was 32 cents per dozen. This year they received 28 cents per dozen.

Following is a table which gives a month by month breakdown of production and price figures:

**Alberta Eggs Sold for Market**

| | 1957 | 1956 | 1957 | 1956 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | '000 dozen | | $'000 | |
| January | 3,995 | 3,467 | 1,143 | 1,127 |
| February | 3,393 | 3,037 | 987 | 945 |
| March | 3,820 | 2,852 | 1,093 | 927 |
| April | 3,570 | 2,949 | 1,082 | 970 |
| May | 3,299 | 2,997 | 930 | 974 |
| June | 2,670 | 2,392 | 761 | 871 |
| TOTALS | 20,747 | 17,694 | 5,942 | 5,814 |

## NATIONAL GROCERY BILL

Canadians spend 105 million dollars per week for groceries. Annually this amounts to five-and-a-half billion dollars.

Of this sum, 11% is being spent for milk and cheese, 4% for eggs and 11% for cereals and bakery products. Meat, poultry and fish account for 27%, with the next largest group, fruits and vegetables, at 17%.

The survey shows that Canadian people like beef. More beef is being eaten than ever before. Farmers should take a good look at this trend.

## SEPTEMBER, 1957 MEMBERSHIP RECORD

| DISTRICT | Sept Men | To Date Men | Sept. Women | To Date Women | Sept. Assoc. | To Date Assoc. | Sept Jrs. | To Date Jrs. | To Date Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| District 1 | 1 | 1689 | --- | 462 | --- | 1 | --- | 291 | 2443 |
| District 2 | --- | 1457 | --- | 384 | --- | --- | --- | 286 | 2127 |
| District 3 | 2 | 1769 | --- | 455 | --- | 2 | --- | 265 | 2491 |
| District 4 | 1 | 2064 | --- | 528 | --- | --- | --- | 460 | 3052 |
| District 5 | 1 | 1517 | --- | 564 | --- | 3 | --- | 405 | 2489 |
| District 6 | 1 | 2771 | --- | 1073 | --- | 8 | --- | 564 | 4416 |
| District 7 | --- | 2746 | --- | 805 | --- | 3 | --- | 420 | 3974 |
| District 8 | --- | 2208 | --- | 561 | --- | --- | --- | 351 | 3120 |
| District 9 | 6 | 2325 | 2 | 685 | --- | 3 | --- | 347 | 3360 |
| District 10 | 5 | 2600 | 2 | 662 | --- | 16 | 1 | 260 | 3539 |
| District 11 | 6 | 1494 | 1 | 494 | 1 | 13 | 1 | 180 | 2181 |
| District 12 | 1 | 1902 | 3 | 733 | --- | 3 | --- | 32 | 2958 |
| District 13 | --- | 854 | --- | 323 | --- | 2 | --- | 129 | 1308 |
| District 14 | --- | 1768 | --- | 405 | --- | --- | --- | 203 | 2376 |
| **TOTAL** | **24** | **27164** | **8** | **8134** | **1** | **54** | **2** | **4193** | **39834** |

# THE ORGANIZED FARMER

## *FOR THIS WE STAND:*

- PARITY INCOME
- ORDERLY MARKETING
- THE CO-OP MOVEMENT
- THE FAMILY FARM

# FUA WEEK NOV. 11-16

## JOIN THE F.U.A.

Lend your support to this great movement.

Take your full part in developing a national farm program to bring parity to agriculture.

## SUPPORT THE EGG MARKETING PLAN

# Farmer Owned Farmer Controlled



**FIRST ALBERTA WHEAT POOL ELECTED BOARD OF DIRECTORS — 1923**

**Front row: Ben S. Plumer (Bassano), H. W. Wood (Carstairs), O. L. Mcpherson (Vulcan). Back row: W. J. Jackman (Bremner), R. N. Mangles (Youngstown), Lew Hutchinson (Duhamel), Chris Jensen (Magrath).**

On October 29, 1923, the Alberta Wheat Pool commenced business under the direction of officials elected by the members.

In the succeeding third of a century a hundred thousand Alberta farmers have belonged to the Pool. It has become a 50 million bushels grain handling system with a province-wide seed division. Throughout its history the farmer members have retained absolute control of the organization and 100 per cent ownership of its assets.

For 34 years the Alberta Wheat Pool has remained true to the objectives and principles of its founders. It has served Alberta farmers diligently under the guidance and leadership of democratically-elected farmer officials.

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**Remember, it is**
**THE ALBERTA WHEAT POOL**
**for Alberta Farmers.**